

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

JULY 11, 2000

PRESENT:

Ted F. Short, Chairman
Jim Shaw, Vice Chairman
Joanne Bond, Commissioner
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Madelyn Shipman, Legal Counsel

The Board met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 E. Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

00-636 AGENDA

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, advised that language on Item 10 concerning the Advisory Ballot Question has been revised, which is reflected in the addendum to the agenda; and that Item 12C concerning Comprehensive Plan Amendment Case No. CP00SE-001 (Sharon Hills) will need to be renoticed for a later meeting. In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that the agenda for the July 11, 2000 meeting be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Guy Felton, area citizen, spoke about his concerns relative to the Northern Nevada Network (NNN) and its members. He requested a comprehensive investigation of the NNN and its leader, Frank Partlow.

Sam Dehne, Reno citizen, advised that a writ of mandamus was officially served today to the Reno City Council and Reno City Clerk for breaking the law. He then discussed issues relative to One Region, One Vision, and the Airport Authority.

MINUTES

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 20, 2000 and the special meeting of June 26, 2000 be approved.

00-637 EXPENDITURE – RESOLUTION - DISTRICT 2 SPECIAL FUNDING ACCOUNT

Upon recommendation of Rita Lencioni, Assistant to the County Manager, through Katy Singlaub, County Manager, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the expenditure of \$259.80 from County Commission District 2, Special Funding Account, (Commissioner Short’s District) to Truckee Meadows Safe Community Partnership for 20 “Keep Kids Alive Drive 25” yard signs, be approved and the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION- Authorizing the Grant of Public Money to a Private Nonprofit Organization

WHEREAS, NRS 244.1505 provides that a board of county commissioners may expend money for any purpose which will provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the county and that a board may make a grant of money to a private organization, not for profit, to be expended for a selected purpose; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Washoe County has determined that a certain amount of money is available in Fiscal Year 2000/2001, a grant of money which will provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of Washoe County and which is made to private, nonprofit organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County that the Board hereby grants to Truckee Meadows Safe Community Partnership, a private, nonprofit organization, a grant for Fiscal Year 2000/2001 in the amount of \$259.80 to be used to pay for 20 “Keep Kids Alive Drive 25” yard signs.

00-638 TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS – TRAVEL EXPENSES – PUBLIC WORKS - BUDGET

Upon recommendation of Anna Heenan, Finance Division, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the appropriation transfer for travel expenses to the annual Micro PAVER Users group meeting be approved and the Comptroller be directed to make the following adjustments:

Account	Description	Decrease	Increase
16043-7880	Reno Road Overlays Construction Account	\$2,400	
16043-7620	Reno Road Overlay Travel Account		\$2,400

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ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION – UNIVERSITY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP – JUVENILE SERVICES

Chairman Short thanked Pastor Rob Owens and the University Family Fellowship for their generous donation in the amount of \$10,000 to the Wittenberg Hall. He commented that Wittenberg provides an extremely important service to the community but is very overcrowded and the Board and staff are working hard to get a new facility; and that Wittenberg and the entire County is extremely grateful for this donation.

Pastor Owens encouraged everyone to tour Wittenberg Hall and see the challenges that are created by the overcrowded conditions. He commented that the County has given great leadership in trying to get a new facility, but until that occurs the community needs to step up and do some good things for the juveniles housed in the current facility; that he hopes more groups will contribute until the new facility is up and going; and that they are happy to be a part of this and will give more if they can.

Upon recommendation of Mary Ann Woolley, Assistant Director, Juvenile Services, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that the donation of \$10,000 from University Family Fellowship, Pastor Robert Owens, to be used for a variety of programs for juveniles detained at Wittenberg Hall be accepted with gratitude; and that the following account changes be authorized:

Account	Description	Amount
12759D-5802	Donations	\$10,000
12759D-7398	Miscellaneous Expense	\$10,000

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NO BUILD EASEMENT – RIVERSIDE ARTIST LOFTS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP – PUBLIC WORKS

Upon recommendation of James Gale, Sr. Property Agent, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the No Build Easement to Riverside Artist Lofts Limited Partnership be approved and Chairman Short be authorized to execute.

It was noted that this easement is entered into with reference to the following facts:

1. Owner owns the Washoe County Courthouse at 75 Court Street, Reno, Nevada, (the “Courthouse Property”) and Riverside owns what is known as the Riverside Hotel property at 17 South Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada (the “Riverside Property”) immediately adjacent to the Courthouse Property;

2. Owner wishes to grant an easement over a 14-foot strip of land on the north side of the Courthouse Property, immediately adjacent to Riverside's property, on which Owner will not build any improvements, other than landscaping.

**00-641 TRANSFER OF CONTINGENCY – REGISTRAR OF VOTERS –
BALLOT PRODUCTION COSTS – FY 2001**

Upon recommendation of John Brumley, Finance Division, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that the transfer from Contingency in the amount of \$24,000 to the Registrar of Voters Department to cover additional costs above budgeted amounts for ballot printing for sample ballots, primary ballots and general ballots be approved. It was further ordered that the Comptroller's Office be directed to make the following account changes that relate to this item and the following two bid items:

Account	Description	Increase	Decrease
1890-7328	Contingency		\$24,000
1123-7357	Primary Elections		\$15,000
1123-7207	Primary Elections	\$28,000	
1124-7207	General Elections	\$ 4,000	
1124-7357	General Elections	\$ 7,000	

**00-642 AWARD OF BID – SAMPLE ELECTION BALLOTS - BID NO.
2244-2000 – REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

This was the time to consider award of bid, Notice to Bidders for receipt of sealed bids having been published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on May 19, 2000, for Sample Election Ballots for the Registrar of Voters for the upcoming primary and general election. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Bids, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk, were received from the following vendors:

- A. Carlisle & Company
- Sequoia Pacific Systems

The Reno Gazette-Journal and Spectrum Limited submitted "No-Bid" responses and Martin & Chapman failed to the respond to the invitation to bid.

Upon recommendation of John Balentine, Purchasing and Contracts Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that Bid No. 2244-2000 for Sample

Election Ballots for the Registrar of Voters for the upcoming primary and general elections be awarded to A. Carlisle & Co. of Nevada, in the estimated amount of \$96,388.30.

00-643 AWARD OF BID – ELECTION BALLOT PRINTING - BID NO. 2245-2000 – REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

This was the time to consider award of bid, Notice to Bidders for receipt of sealed bids having been published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on May 19, 2000, for Election Ballot Printing for the Registrar of Voters for the upcoming primary and general elections. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

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Upon recommendation of John Balentine, Purchasing and Contracts Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that Bid No. 2245-2000 for Election Ballot Printing for the Registrar of Voters for the upcoming primary and general elections be awarded to the lowest overall bidder, Sequoia Pacific Systems, in the estimated amount of \$201,079.57.

AWARD OF BID – ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX SYSTEMS SIGNAGE - BID NO. 2240-2000 – CONTINUATION

Commissioner Galloway advised that he would like to continue this item to the last meeting of this month.

Upon inquiry of Commissioner Shaw, Tom Gadd, Director, General Services Department, stated that the Purchasing Department has advised that the bid is good until August 15th and continuance should not be a problem.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that Bid No. 2240-2000 for Administrative Complex Systems Signage be continued to the regular meeting of July 25, 2000.

00-644 **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES – SUN VALLEY HIGHLAND PARK – PUBLIC WORKS**

Upon recommendation of Anthony McMillen, Department of Public Works, through Rodney Savini, Capital Projects Manager, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Professional Services Agreement between Washoe County and FPE Engineering & Planning in the amount of \$42,090 concerning architectural services for Sun Valley Highland Park be approved and Chairman Short be authorized to execute the agreement upon presentation.

It was noted that a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued soliciting architectural services for the design of multiple parks projects, which included Sun Valley Highland Park; that 9 proposals were received in response to the RFP; and that the selection committee considered FPE Engineering & Planning to be the most qualified for the Sun Valley Highland Park project.

00-645 **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – CONSULTING SERVICES – COTTONWOOD PARK – PUBLIC WORKS**

Upon recommendation of Anthony McMillen, Department of Public Works, through Rodney Savini, Capital Projects Manager, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Professional Services Agreement between Washoe County and Stantec, Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$43,355 concerning consulting services for Cottonwood Park be approved and Chairman Short be authorized to execute the agreement upon presentation.

It was noted that a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued soliciting architectural services for the design of multiple parks projects, which included Cottonwood Park; that 9 proposals were received in response to the RFP; and that the selection committee considered Stantec Consulting, Inc. to be the most qualified for the Cottonwood Park project.

00-646 **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES – NORTH VALLEYS SPORTS COMPLEX BABE RUTH FIELD – PUBLIC WORKS**

Upon recommendation of Anthony McMillen, Department of Public Works, through Rodney Savini, Capital Projects Manager, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Professional Services Agreement between Washoe County and CFA, Inc.,

concerning architectural services for the North Valleys Sports Complex Babe Ruth Field in the amount of \$31,300 be approved and Chairman Short be authorized to execute the agreement upon presentation.

It was noted that a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued soliciting architectural services for the design of multiple parks projects, which included the North Valleys project; that 9 proposals were received in response to the RFP; and that the selection committee considered CFA, Inc. to be the most qualified for the North Valleys project.

**00-647 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – STATE OF NEVADA DIVISION
OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES – INTEGRATED
PERMANENCY PLANNING PROJECT – SOCIAL SERVICES**

Upon recommendation of Mike Capello, Director, Department of Social Services, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County and the State of Nevada, Department of Human Resources, Division of Child and Family Services, concerning the Integrated Permanency Planning Project be approved and Chairman Short be authorized to execute.

**00-648 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS – CITY OF RENO – CITY OF
SPARKS – WASTEWATER ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
INSPECTION SERVICES – UTILITY SERVICES**

Upon recommendation of John Collins, Manager, Utility Services Division, through Ed Schmidt, Director, Department of Water Resources, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Intergovernmental Agreement between Washoe County and the City of Reno and the Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County and the City of Sparks, concerning provision of Wastewater Control Inspection Services in unincorporated areas of Washoe County be approved.

**AGREEMENT – CONSULTING SERVICES – V.I.C.T.M. CENTER
PROJECT – DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Legal Counsel Madelyn Shipman requested that the agreement concerning provision of consulting services with respect to the V.I.C.T.M. Center Project be continued to next week.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that this item be continued to the regular meeting of July 18, 2000.

00-649 **MONTHLY STATUS REPORT – WOLF RUN GOLF COURSE
(GOLF VISION) RECLAIMED WATER SERVICE PAYMENT
AND USAGE – UTILITY SERVICES**

Upon recommendation of John Collins, Manager, Utility Services Division, through Ed Schmidt, Director, Department of Water Resources, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that receipt of the monthly status report regarding Wolf Run Golf Course (Golf Vision) reclaimed water service payment and usage be acknowledged.

00-650 **BILL NO. 1278 - AMENDING WCC CH. 110 -(DEVELOPMENT
CODE) – ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES – NON-
MUNICIPAL AIRSTRIPS AND GLIDER PORTS**

Bill No. 1278 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 110 OF THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE (WASHOE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CODE) ARTICLE 306, ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES, AND ARTICLE 902, DEFINITIONS, TO ADOPT STANDARDS FOR “NON-MUNICIPAL AIRSTRIPS AND GLIDER PORTS” AND “PERSONAL LANDING FIELDS” AND OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO,” was introduced by Commissioner Bond, the title read to the Board, and legal notice for final action of adoption directed.

00-651 **APPOINTMENT – EAST WASHOE VALLEY CITIZEN
ADVISORY BOARD**

On motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that Jimmie J. Bratcher be appointed as an at-large representative on the East Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board with a term to expire June 30, 2002.

00-652 **RESOLUTION – ACQUISITION OF McCARRAN RANCH LAND
AND WATER RIGHTS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE - NATURE CONSERVANCY – PARKS**

Chairman Short read the Resolution concerning acquisition of the McCarran ranch land and water rights into the record.

Commissioner Galloway commented that additional input has been received and the Builder’s Association advised that ideas concerning this issue came forth at a meeting last night. He advised that he is concerned that the Resolution states what happens to a portion of the land but not what happens to the rest of the land; that one of the concerns expressed was that the water should not be permanently retired, but should just be taken out of agricultural use; and that if the water should be used for

municipal and industrial use and go through the sewer plant, since it would be Truckee River water, the proceeds might help buy the land or be used to buy other water.

Karen Mullen, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, discussed a map showing the subject property and the area along the Truckee River that is of primary interest to the Parks Department. She reviewed what Parks would like to do with that portion of the property and advised that their understanding is that the lands located close to I-80 or near the railroad are still available for development in the future; and that they think this is a great opportunity to work together and be able to purchase those lands in conjunction with the activities of the Local Government Oversight Committee for the purpose of recreational use.

Bill Isaeff, Chairman, Local Government Oversight Committee, advised that the committee is comprised of three persons appointed by Reno, Sparks and Washoe County to carry out the water rights purchase program called for in the 1996 Water Quality Settlement Agreement; that the Agreement commits to spending \$12-million in this area to purchase Truckee River water rights for the purpose of water quality enhancement on the river; that they believe the purchase of the McCarran Ranch presents a unique opportunity to acquire approximately 1,000 acre-feet of Truckee River surface water rights; and that one of the purposes of the program deals with purchasing water off agricultural lands to hopefully discontinue the flows of constituents to the Truckee River. He stated that this particular purchase has many potential benefits and provides the opportunity not to have to buy the land because the Nature Conservancy is interested in the acquisition of the property and shares their same goals of protecting the floodplain, allowing for future flood control opportunities, wildlife and river restoration, and public recreation opportunities. He advised that the Committee has a commitment to the tribe and all the other signatories of the Water Quality Settlement Agreement to find Truckee River water rights; that this is a unique opportunity to make sure the Truckee Meadows area is able to do the things it wants in the next major plan expansion; and that this water would be diverted to a new use instead of going onto agricultural use and would be placed into storage upstream and managed by the partners, being the three local governments, the tribe and the Federal Government. Mr. Isaeff then responded to questions of the Board.

Graham Chism, State Director, Nature Conservancy of Nevada, stated that they pride themselves on their nonconfrontational approach that recognizes the economic needs of communities and are also dedicated to protecting important habitat; that they have been focused on the McCarran Ranch for some time and this will provide an unprecedented opportunity for this region to restore habitat, provide access to a part of the river where there is very little access at this time, etc.; that they have discussed the potential for Washoe County Parks acquiring up to 900 acres of the land and have looked at the Nature Conservancy ultimately holding between 330 and 600 acres; that their intention is to ultimately hold the river corridor, the 100-year flood plain and some additional buffer lands, which will enhance the experience of the visitor to that area; that

they have no interest in retaining the 60-acre Granite Construction industrial site; and that the water quality benefits are critical and they are willing to work with partners and bring in private monies to help enhance the river corridor and provide water quality benefits to the community for many years to come. Upon inquiry of Commissioner Galloway, Mr. Chism advised that the total ranch land is approximately 1,591 acres; that if the Parks Bond issue is not on the ballot or does not pass, they would look for opportunities to protect the lands that the Parks Department is interested in; and that there is roughly 60 acres in Washoe County that is not in the floodplain that would be appropriate for development. Commissioner Galloway stated that his concern is whether the amount of acreage anticipated to be needed for the floodplain and the buffer is excessive. Mr. Chism advised that they are a science driven organization and worked with a consultant; and that people may differ on the numbers but from their prospective they are making their best judgement as to what land should be protected.

Upon inquiry of Commissioner Sferrazza, Mr. Chism and Ms. Mullen reviewed the lands represented by colorings and markings on the map. Commissioner Galloway asked if the Nature Conservancy would be willing to return lands to private ownership that Parks expressed an interest in but may not want and are not part of what the Nature Conservancy wants. Mr. Chism noted that they are private owners, and advised that they are willing to look at development that would not jeopardize the environmental issues they are addressing.

Frank Partlow, Board of Directors, Truckee River Partnership, stated that they support the resolution. He then discussed issues relative to water rights and advised that a water right in the Fallon area is about \$400 an acre-foot and a water right in Reno is about \$3,500 an acre-foot; and that if the project goes forward as planned, he is assured by experts from Sierra Pacific and others that it is possible to make some sort of change through use of the water at the higher prices and obtain the benefits of the price difference.

Commissioner Sferrazza moved, seconded by Commissioner Bond, to adopt the resolution relating to the acquisition of the McCarran Ranch land and water rights.

Commissioner Galloway stated that he will support the resolution based on his understanding that the Conservancy is not going to lock up any land beyond what they need to protect the riparian environments and what the Parks Department wants, and will consider legitimate non-harmful development for the rest of the land. He then stated that he hopes the Local Government Oversight Committee will at least be willing to talk with the people from the Truckee River Partnership to determine if even greater benefits can be provided from the water rights that are required.

On call for the question the motion passed unanimously and the following resolution was adopted:

A resolution relating to the acquisition of the McCarran Ranch land and water rights by the Local Government Oversight Committee and the Nature Conservancy for improvement of water quality, recreation, open space and wildlife enhancement

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Board of County Commissioners to promote the economic and social well-being of residents of Washoe County; and

WHEREAS, the Water Quality Settlement Agreement (WQSA) settled litigation which challenged the expansion of the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF) treatment capacity and discharge permit to its present level of 40 million gallons per day; and

WHEREAS, the WQSA requires the purchase of water rights by Washoe County and the Cities of Reno and Sparks to augment the Truckee River flows; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County, and the Cities of Reno and Sparks have entered into the WQSA and agreed to spend \$12 million to purchase water rights for Truckee River flow augmentation; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County, and the Cities of Reno and Sparks have formed the Local Government Oversight Committee to make the water rights purchases for the implementation of WQSA; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Oversight Committee (the "LGOC") and the Nature Conservancy acquisition of McCarran Ranch land and water rights (the "acquisition") will provide slightly more than 1,000 acre-feet of Truckee River water rights for water quality enhancement purposes under the WQSA; and

WHEREAS, the Nature Conservancy would retain five miles of the 100 year flood plain lands under the proposed purchase and would work with local government partners and others to restore riparian habitat and improve channel health to the benefit of water quality; and

WHEREAS, reservation of the McCarran Ranch floodplain without development provides a small flood peak attenuation and mitigation benefit; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition and conservation of the McCarran Ranch floodplain and river oxbows provides habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, approximately 65 acres of the McCarran Ranch near the Patrick interchange will be made available for private industrial development; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners voted to include \$1 million in Regional Parks, Trails and Open Space Bond for acquisition of a portion of the 900 acres of McCarran Ranch land for a regional park and public access to the river; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition is consistent with the Washoe County Regional Open Space Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Nature Conservancy has a policy of paying agricultural property taxes on property they acquire so the affected counties will continue to receive tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of McCarran Ranch land and water rights will assist in allowing development to continue in the Truckee Meadows while providing important environmental and recreational benefits to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA:

The Local Government Oversight Committee and Nature Conservancy acquisition of the land and water rights of the McCarran Ranch provides multiple public benefits, including economic development, recreation, and wildlife benefits and is fully supported by the Washoe County Board of Commissioners.

**00-653 BOND QUESTIONS – RESOLUTION - NOVEMBER 2000
ELECTION – LIBRARY – PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE –
REGIONAL JUSTICE CENTER**

John Sherman, Finance Director, commented that the issues before the Board today are to determine whether or not to combine the Library and the Parks, Trails and Open Space questions, the wording of the bond questions and explanations, and the sequence of the questions. It was noted that the bond question amounts include \$10-million for the Library, \$28.3-million for Parks, Trails and Open Space, and \$86-million for a Regional Justice Center.

Upon inquiry of Commissioner Sferrazza, David Roundtree, Public Works Director, provided information concerning the One South Sierra Street building and advised that the estimated costs for construction of four additional floors including the shell and tenant improvements is \$46-million; and that the estimated cost to convert the building for offices for the District Attorney is \$4-million, which would include demolition of all the courtroom spaces and reconstruction to office space. Commissioner Sferrazza stated that he has a serious problem with destroying courtrooms that are only three years old and asked if there is any option to continue to utilize those courtrooms. Mr. Roundtree stated that the options to consider are whether or not to reunite the Courts at one location or continue the separation between the District Court and the Justice Court.

Mr. Roundtree then responded to questions asked by Commissioner Galloway concerning the master planning process for the Courts. Commissioner Galloway stated that he believes the issue is up to the voters as to whether or not they

want consolidation of the Courts. Mr. Roundtree responded to further questions of the Board concerning structural issues at One South Sierra Street.

Commissioner Bond stated that she shares Commissioner Sferrazza's concerns about destroying courtrooms in a recently built facility, but the issue is whether or not to put a question on the ballot to allow people to decide if they want to consolidate the Courts into one location; and that if the bond issue fails, the County will be looking at existing facilities to see how to best address the needs for additional Court space.

Dan Wiley, Consultant, stated that their belief is that consolidation is the best operation of the Court and will provide the best public service, the greatest efficiency and functionality of the system, and a much more secure environment for overall public use of the facility. Mr. Wiley responded to questions of Commissioner Shaw concerning remodel costs at One South Sierra. He then stated that he believes they will be able to show that, within a very short period of time, a consolidated Court system could create an economy that far surpasses the loss of the current infrastructure at the existing facility. Commissioner Sferrazza requested that Mr. Wiley's study look at locating courtrooms at the jail and not having a jury room in every courtroom. Mr. Wiley advised that a whole series of economies on judicial space will be studied.

Chairman Short commented that there would need to be an offset of economies to have a regional justice system in one place. He noted that the County currently pays \$320,000 in office rent downtown and \$100,000 in parking; and that an educational program including all the numbers needs to be presented to the public to show that there would be significant savings with consolidation.

Judge Jordan, District Court, stated that the Second Judicial District Court strongly supports consolidation of the Courts; that Reno Justice Court, the District Attorney's office, the Sheriff's office, and Reno Municipal Court also support consolidation; and that the goal is to provide the best and most efficient justice system for the community. He advised that he was the Family Court representative in the planning process at One South Sierra Street; that the architects were given an impossible task because of everything they had to accomplish with the budget provided; and that he thinks they did a good job given the limitations. He then discussed the problems with the One South Sierra Street building that impacts Court efficiency and advised that if the County tries to fix problems again on a short term basis and does not address the real present and future needs of the justice system and the citizens, more problems will be created in the future.

Richard Gammick, District Attorney, stated that he totally supports the bond issue for the Regional Justice Center to consolidate the Courts because of the tremendous service it will provide to the people in Washoe County; that the optimum would be for the DA's office to be located in the same building as the Courts, but the cost to move the DA's office to the Pioneer property would be \$12- to \$14-million dollars

versus \$3.5- to \$5-million at One South Sierra. Mr. Gammick responded to questions of Commissioner Sferrazza concerning One South Sierra Street.

Commissioner Galloway stated that he thinks the question language should have clear wording that the reference to a \$100,000 home relates to market value and not assessed value. He then suggested that the Parks, Libraries and Open Space bond issues be one combined question, noting that it would show cooperation in working together. Commissioner Shaw agreed.

Alicia Reban, Nevada Land Conservancy, stated that she represents the Steering Committee working on the campaign to pass the Parks, Libraries, Trails and Open Space question in November. She asked those present who were involved in the effort to stand and approximately 20 people responded. Ms. Reban stated that both library and parks people were standing and they have found that working together on quality of life issues will be beneficial and are looking forward to the process; and that they support combining the two questions.

On **motion** by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that the Library and the Parks, Trails, and Open Space questions be combined.

Mr. Sherman then advised that Bond Counsel suggested that the last sentence of the question language for the Library, Parks, Trails and Open Space and the Regional Justice Center be amended to read "The Bonds are estimated to result in an increase to the property taxes of average of \$8.24 per year for the owner of a new home with a market value of \$100,000." Commissioner Galloway stated that that wording would address his concerns.

Commissioner Galloway **moved**, seconded by Commissioner Bond, that the language, as amended, for the Library, Parks, Trails and Open Space question be approved.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated that he does not think the amended language is a true statement because very few homes are assessed at market value; and that taxable value is what is being talked about. Mr. Sherman advised that State law speaks to this issue and the established regulations require that questions be framed on the basis of a new home or market value home of \$100,000. Commissioner Sferrazza questioned why the language needs to be changed if the existing language satisfies State requirement. Katy Singlaub, County Manager, stated that many voters are confused by the difference between taxable and market value and the intent is to be as clear as possible.

On call for the question, Commissioner Sferrazza voted "no," and the **motion** passed 4-1.

Commissioner Galloway then **moved** to approve the language of the question concerning the Regional Justice Center with the same amendment. Commissioner Bond seconded the motion.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated that he opposes this motion; that the County spent \$20,000 for market research to determine what the voters were willing to approve relative to bond questions and they indicated it would be in the neighborhood of \$60- to \$70-million, which the Regional Justice Center bond issue alone exceeds; and that he totally supports the Parks and Open Space and thinks this question puts that bond issue at risk. He advised that he supports relocating the District Attorney's office and modernizing the Courts and is not opposed to a bond issue for the Courts, but there was a previously agreed to amount which was increased substantially; that if the Courts feel they need this increased amount, he would suggest they put it on the next ballot issue when it can be planned together; and that what is being voted on today is something very vague and includes the destruction of existing Courts, some of which are very new. Commissioner Sferrazza then commented that if Dan Wiley's report convinces him and can demonstrate monetarily that this is going to be beneficial, he may change his position, but at this point in time, he cannot support the question.

Commissioner Bond stated that she supports the question because Mr. Wiley will need to not only convince the Commission but the whole voting public about the benefits of consolidation; that the survey did not have this project in the mix and she believes the voting public is capable of making a judgement as to whether they can support the cost; and that she thinks it would be a disservice to the public to not go forward and put this on the ballot.

Commissioner Galloway commented that it is not politically easy for Commissioner Sferrazza to take the opposition stance and the courage to do that should be respected; that he does not agree, however, and will support the motion; and that when the survey was done, people were asked questions without having an information campaign for the arguments for the Regional Justice Center.

Commissioner Shaw advised that he would support the motion and appreciates the remarks made by Commissioner Sferrazza. He noted that the people who addressed the Board this afternoon have indicated that they believe if they work hard and convince people that consolidation will save money, be more convenient, and add to the safety of the people using the Court system, the people will support it.

Chairman Short stated that he supports the motion; that the criminal justice system, unfortunately, is the largest growth industry in the Truckee Meadows and the public should be given the chance to obtain some real efficiencies in the system; that he does not think there will ever be real efficiencies until everything is put together; and that the elected officials and the judicial system will have to get behind this effort to convince the voters that this is the right thing to do.

On call for the question, Commissioner Sferrazza voted “no,” and the **motion** passed 4-1.

Discussion was then held concerning the explanation language for the Park, Open Space and Library bond question. Commissioner Galloway suggested clarification language concerning the list of projects to be funded to read “In the event any of the projects listed as first priorities for bond funding.....” Commissioner Sferrazza stated that he would like to have the word “regional” deleted concerning parks, noting that in earlier discussions he had requested that the funds not be limited to regional parks.

On **motion** by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that the explanation language for the Park, Trails and Open Space and Library bond question, as amended, be approved.

Following discussion concerning the sequence of the questions, Commissioner Sferrazza suggested that the bond questions be placed on the ballot alphabetically, which would be neutral and is the traditional method followed. On **motion** by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that the bond questions be placed on the ballot alphabetically. Commissioner Galloway noted that he has difficulty with this issue because he can see complaints either way, but believes that the voters will read both questions and then decide.

Discussion was then held on the explanation language concerning the Regional Justice Center question. Commissioner Galloway commented that Mr. Gammick has repeatedly made the point that consolidation of the Court system would provide better separation and safety for witnesses, victims, and defendants in criminal proceedings; and that he would suggest that the language be more specific to reflect those points. Mr. Sherman advised that the language was developed in concert with the District Attorney, District Court and Bond Counsel. Upon inquiry of Commissioner Galloway, District Attorney Gammick stated that he has no objection to the language wording as long as the message gets out to the public that this will be a lot safer for everyone involved.

Following further discussion, Commissioner Shaw **moved**, seconded by Commissioner Bond, to add the following language “provide better separation and safety for witnesses, victims, and defendants involved in criminal proceedings.”

Commissioner Sferrazza stated he opposed the motion, noting that the proposed statement is not true with regard to the new Courthouse.

Chairman Short then noted that persons present have indicated that they want to address the Board, and this should be done at this time.

Martin Crowley, Reno attorney, advised that he has been a tenant at 210 South Sierra Street since 1989, and provides low cost legal services to working families in northern Nevada; that he knows the Pioneer property has already been sold and he will have to move at some point, which will be a great detriment to his business and the clients he serves; and that they provide a good service to the community and the financial impact of moving to another location will cause them to have to increase their rates substantially. He stated that a new Court facility is a monument to the attorneys and the Judges, but will not do anything for the justice system in Washoe County; and that there are a lot of choices that have not been considered. County Manager Singlaub advised that staff will be contacting all of the tenants in the building to assist in any transition that may be necessary, and would be happy to work with Mr. Crowley on that matter. Commissioner Sferrazza commented that he thought the County had agreed to try to locate some private space in the building and requested that priority be given to existing tenants.

Cathy Brandhorst, area citizen, spoke about her concerns relative to violent crime and criminals.

Sam Dehne, Reno citizen, stated that he previously expressed his support for putting the Courts issue on the ballot. He then discussed his opposition to the County's purchase of the Pioneer property.

Chairman Short called for the question on the **motion** to approve the amended explanation language for the Regional Justice Center bond question. Commissioner Sferrazza voted "no," and the motion passed 4-1. Commissioner Sferrazza stated that he thinks it is misleading to say that this will improve separation and he supports the original language that was put together by the Judges and the District Attorney.

Commissioner Galloway then **moved** to adopt the "2000 Bond Election Resolution" containing the amended language discussed today and the minor amendments presented at yesterday's caucus meeting. Commissioner Bond seconded the motion.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated that he would like to vote to support the Parks, Trails, Open Space and Library question contained in the resolution but not the Regional Justice Center question.

Following discussion, Commissioner Sferrazza, **moved** to amend the motion to delete Question B, the Regional Justice Center bond question, from the Resolution. The motion died for lack of a second.

On call for the question, Commissioner Sferrazza voted "no," and on a 4-1 vote the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 00-653

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATED AS THE "2000 BOND ELECTION RESOLUTION;" DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF INCURRING A BONDED INDEBTEDNESS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY; STATING THE PURPOSE THEREOF; DETERMINING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BONDS TO BE ISSUED; CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2000, FOR THE SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONS OF ISSUING THE COUNTY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; PRE-SCRIBING THE NOTICE OF ELECTION AND OTHER DETAILS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ELECTION; RATIFYING ACTION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN RELATING THERETO; AND PROVIDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF

WHEREAS, Washoe County (the "County"), in the State of Nevada (the "State"), was duly organized and created pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") § 243.340, and is operating as a County under NRS Chapter 244 and the general laws of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board" or the "Governing Body") of the County has determined that it is necessary and advisable that the County incur a bonded indebtedness pursuant to NRS Chapter 244A (the "County Bond Law"), to NRS §§ 350.001 through 350.006, as amended (the "Debt Management Commission Act"), to NRS §§ 350.020 through 350.070 (the "Bond Election Act"), and to NRS §§ 350.500 through 350.720 (designated in § 350.500 therein as the "Local Government Securities Law"; herein the "Bond Act") in the maximum principal amounts and for the purpose set forth herein (collectively , the "Bonds" and the "Project," respectively); and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board, it is necessary and advisable that a bond election be called to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2000 to submit to the electors of the County the issuance of the Bonds in the forms set forth in this Resolution (the "Bond Questions"); and

WHEREAS, by resolution heretofore adopted, the Debt Management Commission of the County approved the County's proposals to issue such Bonds, pursuant to the Debt Management Commission Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA:

Section 1. This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "2000 Bond Election Resolution. "

Section 2. The Board hereby finds and declares the necessity of incurring a bonded indebtedness for the purpose of financing the Projects.

Section 3. A County bond election is hereby designated, ordered, and called to be held in the County in conjunction with the statewide general election to be held within the County on Tuesday, November 7, 2000 (the "Election"), at which there shall be submitted to the registered voters of the County the Bond Questions hereinafter set forth. The Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Bond Election Act and in the manner provided by Chapter 293 and 293B of NRS, and all laws amendatory thereof (the "General Election Act").

Section 4. Every person who resides within the boundaries of the County at the time of the holding of the Election, and whose name appears upon the official register of voters for the County, shall be entitled to vote at the Election if such person has complied with the registration laws of the state.

Section 5. Absent voting shall be permitted in the manner provided by NRS §§293.310 through 293.340, as amended, and laws thereunto enabling.

Section 6. The authority to issue the Bonds as aforesaid, if conferred at the Election, shall be deemed and considered a continuing authority to issue and deliver the Bonds at one time or from time to time, in one series or in more than one series, all as ordered by the Board. Neither the partial exercise of the authority so conferred nor the lapse of time shall be considered as exhausting or limiting the full authority so conferred; but no Bonds shall be issued or sold by the Board after the expiration of six years from the date of the Election unless NRS § 350.2013 shall be directly or impliedly amended to provide otherwise.

Section 7. On or before July 17, 2000, the Board shall provide the County Registrar of Voters with a copy of the Bond Questions, including explanations of the questions and additional information as set forth in Section 9 hereof, pursuant to NRS § 293.481(1)(b), as amended.

Section 8. Voter registration for the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the General Election Act. Any qualified elector whose name does not appear on the official registry list of qualified electors for the County, as shown by the records of the registry agent, may apply to the County Registrar of Voters at his office or before a Deputy Registrar of Voters, up to and including the last day for registration of voters, as provided in Nevada Revised Statutes. Registration offices shall be open during regular office hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, with Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excepted); but during the last five (5) days before registration closes, including the Saturday on which registration closes, registration offices shall be

open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The County Registrar of Voters is hereby directed to give notice of the close of registration by publishing in a newspaper having general circulation in the County a notice indicating the day that registration will close. Such notice shall be published once in each calendar week for four successive calendar weeks next preceding the close of registration, and may be in substantially the form outlined or as otherwise specified by the Registrar of Voters.

Section 9. A mechanical voting system, and, to the extent necessary, paper ballots shall be used at the election for voting, for registering, and for counting votes cast, including, without limitation, those cast on the Bond Questions, as provided in the Bond Election Act, in the General Election Act, and in all laws thereunto enabling. There shall be inserted in each of the ballot page assemblies or otherwise in the mechanical voting system the submission clause for the Bond Questions in substantially the form outlined, with such changes as are approved by the Finance Director.

Section 10. A sample ballot shall be mailed to each registered voter in the County as provided by NRS §§ 293.565, 350.024 and 350.027, and shall include, without limitation, the registered voter's precinct number and polling place and the following information in substantially the form outlined with such changes as are approved by the Finance Director.

Washoe County Question No. 1

PARK, OPEN SPACE AND LIBRARY BOND QUESTION

Shall Washoe County be authorized to issue up to \$38,300,000 of general obligation bonds for the purpose of acquiring, improving and equipping parks, trails, open space and library facilities located on park lands? \$11.8 million of the Bonds will be used for open space projects, \$2.13 million will be used for trail projects, \$14.37 million will be used for park projects and \$10 million will be used for library projects. The Bonds are expected to require a property tax levy for 30 years. The Bonds are estimated to result in an increase in the property taxes of an average of \$8.24 per year for the owner of a new home with a market value of \$100,000.

Yes

No

Washoe County Question No. 2

REGIONAL JUSTICE CENTER BOND QUESTION

Shall Washoe County be authorized to issue up to \$86,000,000 of general obligation bonds for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, improving and equipping buildings for a regional justice center, including a parking structure? The Bonds are expected to require a property tax levy for 30 years. The Bonds are estimated to result in an increase in the property taxes of an average of \$19.07 per year for the owner of a new home with a market value of \$100,000.

Yes

No

Explanation -Washoe County Question No. 1:

A "yes" vote on Washoe County Question No. 1 will permit Washoe County to issue up to \$38,300,000 of general obligation Bonds (the "Park & Library Bonds") for parks, trails, open space and library purposes. This will enable the County to:

- secure open space valued at \$11.8 million, including areas along the Sierra and the Truckee River for the protection of wildlife habitat and to provide public access;
- acquire public trails and trail access valued at \$2.13 million, including construction of a trail head for Mount Rose;
- provide \$14.37 million for parks projects, including the addition of ballfields, picnic areas, and other recreation facilities; and
- provide additional library services to the community by spending \$10 million for the construction of two new libraries in regional parks.

A list of the proposed open space, trails, parks and library projects to be funded has been approved by the Board and is on file with the County Clerk. In the event any of the projects listed as first priorities for bond funding are determined to not be feasible for the expenditure of bond proceeds, the amount of Bonds allocated to the above categories (open space, trails, parks and libraries) would not be reduced. Rather, the Bond money will be spent on another approved project on the list with similar benefits that falls into the same category .

A "no" vote on Washoe County Question No. 1 would prevent the issuance of Park and Library Bonds for the above purposes at this time.

Explanation - Washoe County Question No. 2:

A "yes" vote on Washoe County Question No. 2 will permit Washoe County to issue up to \$86,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds (the "Regional Justice Center Bonds") for a Regional Justice Center. Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to acquire, construct, improve and equip buildings for the Regional Justice Center (including a parking structure) in the vicinity of the existing Washoe County Courthouse. This will enable the County to:

- consolidate existing District Court, Family Court and Reno Justice Court rooms and victim witness assistants center into a single location for approximately \$70 million;
- consolidate other offices associated with the criminal justice system at convenient locations, such as the district attorney's office, for approximately \$5 million and the public defender's office;
- more efficiently administer the regional justice system in Washoe County by having a single location providing convenient access to all citizens at which victims of crime, witnesses and jurors who are involved in the justice system can report and to which criminal defendants are transported;
- provide better separation and safety for witnesses, victims and defendants involved in criminal proceedings;
- provide public parking for persons who need to do business at the Regional Justice Center for approximately \$11 million;
- provide greater daily public safety to all citizens who access the regional justice system;
- develop a secure environment for Court records and files that is not available under the current circumstances; and
- promote potential savings to the taxpayer derived through efficiencies gained by consolidation of certain services.

A "no" vote on Washoe County Question No. 2 would prevent the issuance of the bonds for a Regional Justice Center at this time.

Additional Information:

The bond election of the Park and Library Bonds and the Regional Justice Center Bonds (collectively, the "Bonds") will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2000 at the same time and place as the statewide general election. Your polling place is specified elsewhere on this same ballot. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The election will be conducted and held in the manner provided by the general election laws of this State.

The maximum principal amount, maximum maturity, estimated interest rate, estimated interest cost, total estimated principal and interest payments, range of tax

rates, average tax rate, and estimated cost to operate, maintain and repair the facilities financed with the respective bond issues is as shown in the below table:

ITEM	PARK & LIBRARY BONDS	REGIONAL JUSTICE CENTER BONDS
Maximum Principal Amount	\$38,300,000	\$86,000,000
Maximum Maturity	30 years	30 years
*Estimated Interest Rate	6%	6%
*Estimated Interest Cost	\$43,315,900	\$102,816,100
*Total Estimated Principal and Interest	\$81,615,900	\$188,816,100
*Estimated Range of Tax Rates (per \$100 assessed valuation)	\$0.0174-\$0.0309	\$0.0403 - \$0.0716
*Estimated Average Tax Rate (per \$100 assessed valuation)	\$0.02354	\$0.05449
**Estimated Cost of Operating and Maintaining Facilities	\$2,450,000	\$1,300,000

*The above estimates are based on the Board's estimate of interest rates and the assessed value of the property against which the Bonds are to be issued. The actual figures may be higher or lower than the above estimates, depending on the interest rates at the time the Bonds are sold, the maturities and other terms of the Bonds actually issued, and the assessed value of the property in the County at the time it levies taxes to repay the Bonds.

**The Board anticipates that the estimated cost of operating and maintaining the Facilities constructed with the Bonds, identified above, will be paid from existing revenue sources and will not result in any increase in the tax rate.

Section 11. If it is impractical to supply the polling place with mechanical voting devices, there shall be supplied as many such ballot cards and ballot page assemblies as it is practical to procure. The paper ballots to be used at the Election in those election precincts, if any, not using ballot cards and ballot page assemblies, if any, shall be in part in substantially the following form:

Section 12. Nothing in this Resolution prevents the inclusion in the ballots of provisions for the expression by the qualified registered voters of the County of their choice for any questions or proposals other than the Bond Questions submitted at the Election to the qualified registered voters.

Section 13. The polls shall be opened at the hour of 7:00 a.m. on the day of the Election and shall remain open until and be closed at 7:00 p.m. of the same day, as provided in § 293.273, General Election Act, and all laws supplemental thereto.

Section 14. Except as specifically provided in this Resolution, in the Bond Act, and in the Bond Election Act, the Election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the General Election Act and with all laws supplemental thereto.

Section 15. The County Clerk shall cause a notice of the Election to be published in a newspaper printed in and having general circulation in the County, at least once in each calendar week for two successive calendar weeks by two weekly insertions a week apart, the first publication to be not more than 30 days nor less than 22 days next preceding the date of the Election.

Section 16. The notice of the Election shall be in substantially the form outlined.

Section 17. Immediately after the closing of the polls, the election officers shall proceed to canvass the votes cast on the Bond Questions, and certify the results so disclosed to the Board.

Section 18. Within five (5) working days of the Election, the Board shall meet and publicly canvass the returns.

Section 19. If a majority of the votes cast is in favor of the issuance of the Bonds designated in one or more of the Bond Questions, the proposal to issue them shall have been carried, and the Board shall cause an entry of that fact to be made upon its minutes and shall proceed to complete the printing, execution, advertising and sale of the bonds so approved. If the majority of the votes cast is against the issuance of the Bonds designated in one or more Bond Questions, the proposal to issue the Bonds so disapproved shall have failed, and the Board shall proceed no further with the printing, execution, advertisement or sale of those bonds.

Section 20. All action heretofore taken (not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution) by the Board and by the officers of the County relating to:

A. The Election,
B. The Projects, and
C. The issuance of Bonds for said purposes,
is ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 21. The officers of the County are authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.

Section 22. All orders, bylaws and resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this resolution, are hereby repealed. This repealer shall not be construed to revive any bylaw, order or resolution, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

Section 23. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this resolution.

Section 24. This resolution shall be in effect from and after its adoption.

**00-654 DISCUSSION – ADVISORY BALLOT QUESTION – FISCAL
EQUITY ISSUES**

John Sherman, Finance Director, reviewed background information and, pursuant to discussion at yesterday's caucus meeting, presented alternative language for the proposed advisory question regarding fiscal equity issues.

Commissioner Galloway stated that he thinks putting a dollar amount in the ballot question would tend to indicate the County thinks that is the correct number; and that he does not feel it is a good idea to put the County in that position. He commented that three possible ways to deal with fiscal equity have been discussed, being (1) reduction in service, (2) a supplemental tax of some type, and (3) annexation, and suggested that the voters could be asked which of these options they would prefer.

Commissioner Bond commented that limiting the advisory question to these three possibilities would exclude other options that may be available.

Chairman Short stated that he thought it would be good to hear from the voting public on what they would want to do, but he would not want to do anything that may add confusion to the voters and possibly jeopardize the Library and Parks, and the Regional Justice Center questions; and that at this point he would prefer to not put this advisory question on the ballot and have more research conducted.

Commissioner Galloway stated that he feels the Board has the responsibility to let the public know that the fiscal equity issue cannot be ignored and some options will need to be sought to deal with the problem.

Commissioner Bond commented that the County is currently trying to put dollar amounts on service levels and talk about the issue on a regional basis; that she is willing to try to do something in the interim through interlocal agreements or some other method, but does not want to put this advisory question on the ballot and possibly jeopardize whatever else the County is trying to accomplish at this point in time.

Commissioner Shaw stated that he would like to address the matter in some fashion on the November ballot to determine how the voters would prefer to address the fiscal equity issue. Commissioner Sferrazza concurred and offered suggestions concerning the advisory question alternatives.

Lois Avery, Washoe County citizen, stated that her concern is that alternative 4 of the fiscal equity study is still being ignored which shows that the County is actually contributing an extra \$4-million; and that any ballot question on this issue would need to include an explanation of all the alternatives presented in the fiscal equity study. She responded to questions of Commissioner Galloway and offered suggestions concerning the proposed advisory question. Ms. Avery stated that it is good to get voter

input but it is not clear whether or not the proposed questions are worded properly and if useful input will be received.

Frank Partlow, Washoe County citizen, commented that this is a season when a number of issues will be taken to the voters, and it is unwise to put a lot of issues on the same ballot and expect the voters to respond the way it is hoped they will.

Martin Crowley, area citizen, discussed his concerns relative to annexation issues.

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, stated that she initially was a strong component of doing an advisory question and has struggled with the matter over the last several months; that this is a very complex issue that is difficult not only for the Board but for staff to explain and inform the public about so they can make an informed decision; that the advisory question would not be binding and is not implementable but gives the impression that it can be implemented; and that she believes much more can be learned from some market research over the course of several months. She further stated that she is very interested and committed to hearing what the residents want to do, as is the Board, but agreement on the deficit has not been reached and she does not believe the timing is right to put an intelligently worded advisory question on this issue on the November ballot.

Commissioner Galloway stated that he thinks it is possible to have a meaningful question with an amount, but does not think there is any way to come up with the explanations to the question in the timeframe available.

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, the Board determined that an advisory question for the November 2000 election regarding potential solutions to fiscal equity issues would not proceed forward.

Commissioner Sferrazza commented that he would never again support market research because he thinks it is a waste of money. He noted that the market research done concerning the advisory questions addressed today was thrown away; and that in his opinion market research is not a solution to these issues.

5:25 p.m. **The Board took a brief recess.**

5:35 p.m. **The Board reconvened with Commissioner Sferrazza absent.**

00-655 **RECONSIDERATION – JUNE 27, 2000 ACTION – RED HILL
PARCEL**

Howard Reynolds, Assistant County Manager, sat in for County Manager, Katy Singlaub who recused herself from this item.

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that the request to reconsider action taken on June 27, 2000, regarding the Red Hill Parcel, be approved.

Karen Mullen, Parks & Recreation Director, clarified that the County cannot obtain the two communication sites for free under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP Act), as it is not an authorized use. Ms. Mullen stated that they have a letter from the American Land Conservancy, which says they would deed a parcel of approximately 397-acres to the County at no cost, if that is what the County desires; and that the Sun Valley General Improvement District would receive the water tank site.

Following further discussion, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, Chairman Short ordered that the placeholder protest lodged with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) concerning the Red Hill Parcel be withdrawn and staff be directed to work with the American Land Conservancy on the 397-acre open space parcel on Red Hill. It was further ordered that no further attempts would be made to purchase communication sites or the 40 acres that has potential for residential use on the Red Hill parcel.

**00-656 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZATION – MEDIUM-TERM
FINANCING \$14,000,000 – ACQUISITION OF LAND – COUNTY
PROJECTS**

John Sherman, Finance Director, stated that they are on a very tight timeframe; that the Board at a previous meeting approved the purchase of the Pioneer property; that they need to submit an application to the Department of Taxation; and that they will come back to the Board on July 25, 2000 for issuance of bonds for this purchase. He further stated that if they lease the facility under certain conditions they would have to issue taxable bonds and they normally issue tax exempt bonds; that there would be a \$2.5 million interest cost differential between these two bonds; that staff will come back to the Board with recommendations on how to deal with the lease issue; and that they have been informed that the Pioneer property owners do not want to lease back the property.

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Commissioner Sferrazza arrived at 5:55 p.m.
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Cathy Brandhorst, area resident, stated that she believes \$14 million is too much money to purchase this property.

Sam Dehne, Reno citizen, expressed his concern regarding the additional cost to the Regional Justice Center, and stated that he believes the citizens of the County might vote against everything on the ballot because of the enormous expense.

Commissioner Galloway stated that since this property will be needed in the future whether or not the bond issues passes, he supports the purchase of this property.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated that he supports the purchase of this property; that the District Attorney needs more space; that they can remodel the building that is on the property for that purpose; and that the property may be used for future expansion needs whether the bond issues passes or fails.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following Resolution be adopted and Chairman Short be authorized to execute.

RESOLUTION NO. 00-656

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEDIUM-TERM FINANCING IN AN AMOUNT OF UP TO \$14,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR CERTAIN COUNTY PROJECTS; DIRECTING THE OFFICERS OF THE COUNTY TO FORWARD MATERIALS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION OF THE: STATE OF NEVADA; AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ARRANGE FOR THE SALE OF THE COUNTY'S MEDIUM-TERM BONDS; PROVIDING CERTAIN DETAILS IN THE CONNECITON THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County, Nevada (the "Board", "County", and "State", respectively) proposes to incur up to \$14,000,000 in medium-term financing of the County under Chapters 350.085 to 350.095, inclusive, of Nevada Revised Statutes (the "Project Act" and "NRS", respectively), in order to finance all or a portion of the cost of acquiring land for public buildings and improvements and appurtenances therefor (the "Project"); and bearing interest at a rate or rates which do not exceed by more than 3% the "Index of Twenty Bonds" most recently published in The Bond Buyer before bids are received for such medium-term financing or a negotiated offer is accepted, and maturing within 10 years of the date of issuance thereof, in order to pay the costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that legally available funds of the County will at least equal the amount required in each year for the payment of interest and principal on such medium-term financing; and

WHEREAS, NRS § 350.087 requires that a notice of intention to authorize medium- term financing be published not less than 10 days prior to the consideration of a resolution authorizing medium-term financing; and

WHEREAS, a notice of intention to act upon the resolution authorizing such medium-term financing has been duly published in a newspaper of general

circulation in the County not less than 10 days prior to the date hereof pursuant to NRS § 350.087; and

WHEREAS, all comments made at the public hearing held on this date on the adoption of this resolution have been duly considered by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA:

Section 1. The Board hereby finds and determines that the public interest requires medium-term financing for the Project in a principal amount not exceeding \$14,000,000.

Section 2. The facts upon which the finding stated in § 1 above are:

(a) There is a need to acquire land on which the County could construct a portion of a Regional Justice Center;

(b) Such land is needed for a new Regional Justice Center because the existing facilities available for courts, the district attorney and public defender do not adequately serve all of the present needs. Further, given the growth of the County, such facilities will be even less adequate to serve the needs of the County in the future.

(c) Land with a desirable location on which to construct a portion of the Regional Justice Center is presently available and can be purchased at a reasonable price; and

(d) It is in the best interests of the County and its inhabitants, and would best serve the health and welfare thereof, if the Project is now accomplished, thereby assisting in alleviating the needs mentioned in (a) and (b) above;

(e) It is not feasible to finance the Project from other funds of the County, among other reasons, because of restraints on the County's budget for the current fiscal year and other demands on and needs for existing funds of the County.

Section 3. The sources of revenues of the County that are anticipated to be used to repay the medium-term obligation and the dollar amount expected to be available from each such source are:

(a) A portion of a \$.05 ad valorem tax levy imposed pursuant to NRS 354.59815 and deposited in the special ad valorem capital projects fund established pursuant to NRS 354.598155, in an amount that is not less than \$580,000 per year in the fiscal years ending June 30, 2001 through June 30, 2004 and not less than \$3,000,000 per year in each year therefore until the medium term obligation is retired, is anticipated to be available to repay the medium-term obligation;

(b) Monies derived from County's General Fund in an amount of not less than \$550,000 per year in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2001 through June 30, 2004 is anticipated to be available, if necessary, to repay the medium-term obligation.

Section 4. The medium-term financing shall not be paid in whole or in part from a levy of a special tax exempt from the limitations on the levy of ad valorem tax, but shall be paid from the other legally available funds of the County mentioned in Section 3 (a) and (b).

Section 5. The County proposes to borrow a sum not to exceed \$14,000,000 at an annual interest rate estimated to be 7.7% to be repaid over a period of not more than 10 years. Such medium-term financing shall be evidenced by the issuance by the County of medium-term negotiable bonds (the "Bonds") which mature not later than 10 years after the date of issuance and the interest rate shall in no event exceed by more than 3 percent the "Index of Twenty Bonds" which is most recently published before bids are received or a negotiated offer is accepted. The estimated useful life of the Project to be acquired with the proceeds from the medium-term financing is well in excess of 10 years.

Section 6. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to arrange for the issuance and sale of the Bonds in a total principal amount of not more than \$14,000,000 to finance the cost of the Project, in accordance with Project Act and the Bond Act. He is authorized to specify the terms of the Bonds, the method of their sale, the final principal amount of the Bonds, the terms of their repayment and security therefor, and other details of the Bonds, and if deemed appropriate by him, to advertise the Bonds for sale, subject to the Project Act and the Bond Act and subject to ratification by the Board. Such medium-term bonds shall be issued on such other terms and conditions as the Board determines, all as provided in the Project Act and NRS 350.500 to 350.720, inclusive, (the "Bond Act") and as specified by the adoption of a bond ordinance and the execution of a certificate of the Finance Director specifying the Bond terms and details approving and ratifying their sale (the "Bond Ordinance").

Section 7. The officers of the County are hereby authorized to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this resolution, including without limitation, (a) updating the County's capital improvement plan, if required, to reflect the Project, (b) forwarding all necessary documents to the Executive Director, Department of Taxation, Carson City, Nevada, (c) assembling of financial and other

information concerning the County and the Project, and the Bonds, and (d) preparing and circulating an official statement for the Bonds, and, if deemed appropriate by the Finance Director, preparing and circulating a preliminary official statement, a notice of bond sale for the Bonds, or both, in the forms specified by the Finance Director. The Finance Director is authorized to deem the official statement or preliminary official statement to be a "final" official statement on behalf of the County for the purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Section 8. This Resolution shall become effective upon the approval hereof by the Executive Director of the Department of Taxation of the State of Nevada as provided in NRS § 350.089.

**00-657 ORDINANCE NO. 1095, BILL NO. 1271 – ADOPTS WCC
SUPPLEMENT NUMBER 7**

5:30 p.m. This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on June 29, 2000, to consider second reading and adoption of Bill No. 1271. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Chairman Short opened the public hearing and called on anyone wishing to speak. There being no response, Chairman Short closed the public hearing.

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that Ordinance No. 1095, Bill No. 1271, entitled, “**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING SUPPLEMENT NUMBER 7 TO THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE AND ALL CLERICAL AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS MADE THEREIN,**” be approved, adopted and published, in accordance with NRS 244.100.

**00-658 ORDINANCE NO. 1096, BILL NO. 1272 – AMENDING WCC
CHAPTER 110 – CHANGING DEFINITION OF DEPARTMENT**

5:30 p.m. This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on June 29, 2000, to consider second reading and adoption of Bill No. 1272. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Chairman Short opened the public hearing and called on anyone wishing to speak.

In response to Commissioner Galloway’s inquiry, Mike Harper, Planning Manager, Community Development, clarified that this amendment is only changing the reference to a department and does not change any fees.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Short closed the public hearing.

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that Ordinance No. 1096, Bill No. 1272, entitled, **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS RELATING TO WASHOE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 110, ARTICLE 700, INFRASTRUCTURE AVAILABILITY AND FINANCING; TITLE AND CONTENTS AND ARTICLE 706, IMPACT FEES, BY AMENDING THE TITLE OF ARTICLE 706, IMPACT FEES TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO A FUTURE ORDINANCE; AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 706, IMPACT FEES, BY CHANGING THE DEFINITION OF DEPARTMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO,”** be approved, adopted and published, in accordance with NRS 244.100.

00-659 ORDINANCE NO. 1097, BILL NO. 1273 – AMENDING WCC CHAPTER 110 – RENAMING ADULT ENTERTAINMENT TO ADULT CHARACTERIZED BUSINESS

5:30 p.m. This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on June 29, 2000, to consider second reading and adoption of Bill No. 1273. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Chairman Short opened the public hearing and called on anyone wishing to speak.

Mike Harper, Planning Manager, Community Development, stated that specific reference to NRS 278 is being deleted; that NRS 278 limits the type of adult uses that can be regulated, which are adult video, motion picture theatres and bookstores; and that by eliminating the reference to NRS 278 and referring to Chapter 25 the actual regulatory scheme is broadened. He advised that by amending this ordinance they can broaden the definition of an adult characterized business.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Short closed the public hearing.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that Ordinance No. 1097, Bill No. 1273, entitled, **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS RELATING TO WASHOE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 110, ARTICLE 302, ALLOWED USES AND ARTICLE 304, USE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, BY RENAMING ADULT ENTERTAINMENT IN TABLE 110.302.05.3 (TABLE OF USES (COMMERCIAL USE TYPES)) TO ADULT CHARACTERIZED BUSINESS, TO REFERENCE WASHOE COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 25 (BUSINESS LICENSES, PERMITS AND REGULATIONS) AND TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT REVIEWED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN THE GC (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) AND TC (TOURIST COMMERCIAL) REGULATORY ZONES; AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 304, USE**

CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, BY RENAMING THE ADULT ENTERTAINMENT USE TO ADULT CHARACTERIZED BUSINESS AND TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO ADULT USES DEFINED IN NRS 278 AND INSERT ADULT CHARACTERIZED BUSINESS DEFINITIONS AS REFERENCED IN WASHOE COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 25 (BUSINESS LICENSES, PERMITS AND REGULATIONS); AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO,” be approved, adopted and published, in accordance with NRS 244.100.

00-660 ORDINANCE NO. 1098, BILL NO. 1274 – AMENDING WCC CHAPTER 25 BUSINESS LICENSES – TITLE CHANGE – ADULT CHARACTERIZED BUSINESSES

5:30 p.m. This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on June 29, 2000, to consider second reading and adoption of Bill No. 1274. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Chairman Short opened the public hearing and called on anyone wishing to speak. There being no response, Chairman Short closed the public hearing.

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that Ordinance No. 1098, Bill No. 1274, entitled, **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 25, BUSINESS LICENSES, BY CHANGING THE TITLE OF THE SECTION TO “ADULT CHARACTERIZED BUSINESSES”; AMENDING SECTION 25.051, LICENSE REQUIRED; ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS; APPEAL OF DENIAL OF LICENSE, TO REQUIRE EACH OWNER, OFFICER OR DIRECTOR TO HAVE THUMB PRINTS TAKEN WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS OF NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF COMPLETE APPLICATION, TO REQUIRE A LICENSE TO BE ISSUED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF COMPLETED APPLICATION, TO PERMIT A TEMPORARY LICENSE TO BE IN EFFECT FOR UP TO 120 DAYS, TO CHANGE THE PERIOD FOR FILING AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A DENIAL OF A LICENSE TO 15 DAYS, TO CHANGE THE PERIOD IN WHICH FAILURE TO APPEAL THE DENIAL OF LICENSE PRECLUDES FURTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TO 15 DAYS, TO CHANGE THE PERIOD IN WHICH AN APPEAL OF A DENIAL OF A LICENSE WILL BE SCHEDULED TO THE NEXT AVAILABLE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ MEETING AND NO MORE THAN 30 DAYS AFTER FILING THE APPEAL, TO EXTEND THE PERIOD THAT A TEMPORARY LICENSE IS IN EFFECT DURING AN APPEAL PERIOD TO THE DATE THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TAKES FINAL ACTION, TO ADD A REQUIREMENT THAT THE REASONS FOR DENIAL OF A LICENSE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE PROVIDED IN WRITING TO THE APPELLANT WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ ACTION, TO PROVIDE**

FOR AN EXPEDITED JUDICIAL REVIEW OF A DENIAL OF A LICENSE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND FILING FOR SAID REVIEW WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE BOARDS' ACTION AND FOR AN EXPEDITED BRIEFING REVIEW BEFORE THE COURT IF NO TEMPORARY LICENSE HAS BEEN ISSUED WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED 30 DAYS; AMENDING SECTION 25.053 LOCATION OF CERTAIN ADULT CHARACTERIZED BUSINESSES: RESTRICTIONS; EXCEPTIONS, TO DELETE THE PROHIBITION ON PARCELS ABUTTING FREEWAYS, EXPRESSWAYS, MAJOR OR MINOR ARTERIAL ROADWAYS; AMENDING SECTION 25.0553, ADULT MOTION PICTURE ARCADE; RESTRICTIONS, TO PERMIT THE PARTIAL ENCLOSURE OF BOOTHS AND TO DEFINE THE HEIGHT AND WIDTH OF THE BOOTH AND THE EXTENT THAT THE ENCLOSURE CAN OBSCURE THE INTERIOR OF THE BOOTH, AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO," be approved, adopted and published, in accordance with NRS 244.100.

**00-661 ORDINANCE NO. 1099, BILL NO. 1275 – AMENDING WCC
CHAPTER 25 – OUTDOOR COMMUNITY EVENTS – OUTDOOR
FESTIVALS**

5:30 p.m. This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on June 29, 2000, to consider second reading and adoption of Bill No. 1275. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Chairman Short opened the public hearing and called on anyone wishing to speak.

In response to Commissioner Sferrazza's inquiry at caucus yesterday, Bob Webb, Community Development, explained that he spoke with Jess Traver, Building & Safety, and Joan McKeehan, Fire Inspection Officer, Reno Fire Department, who informed him that the County's Building Department is not involved in the review of tent structures, or any erected or portable temporary type of buildings; although the Building Department may review electrical connections to a main that is distributing outside. He stated that a permit is required from the Fire Department who then conducts an extensive review; that they check things such as seating inside the tent, fire access to the tent, provision and maintenance of clearance around the tent, fire retardant treatment of the tent and its furnishings, location of the tent, control of the parking around the tent, etc.; and that permits are conditioned so that tents can only be temporary.

Commissioner Galloway asked how the Fire Department would know that an event is happening and portable structures are being used. Mr. Webb stated that when the applicant provides on his permit application that they are using tents, the application must then be reviewed by the Fire Agency responsible for that area.

Chris Hoff, Tournament Coordinator, stated that he is here on behalf of the Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation, a 501(c)(3) Corporation, established in Reno in 1999; and

that he has been working with County staff to revise the Code that applies to the Reno-Tahoe Open, a PGA Tour event held at Montreux Golf & Country Club. He further stated that the Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation will be responsible for close to \$4,000 in permit fees this year to Washoe County; that part of the application is posting a performance security bond with the County, which can be in the form of a CD or a checking account set up in the County's name; and that the bond is to guarantee that the Foundation cleans up the property after the event. He asked how the County can require the Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation to post this bond when they are using private land. Mr. Webb responded that the County is allowing the permit and therefore is responsible for clean up should the Foundation fail to clean up the property.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Short closed the public hearing.

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that Ordinance No. 1099, Bill No. 1275, entitled, "**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE BY REVISING THE PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE LICENSING OF OUTDOOR COMMUNITY EVENTS AND OUTDOOR FESTIVALS, TO REVISE DEFINITIONS OF OUTDOOR COMMUNITY EVENTS AND OUTDOOR FESTIVALS, TO ADD REGULATIONS THAT APPLY TO ALL OUTDOOR COMMUNITY EVENTS AND OUTDOOR FESTIVALS INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO APPLICATIONS, FEES AND EVENT PLANS, TO ADD REGULATIONS RELATING TO ISSUANCE, DENIAL, SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF LICENSES FOR OUTDOOR COMMUNITY EVENTS AND OUTDOOR FESTIVALS AND LICENSING CONDITIONS THEREOF AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO,**" be approved, adopted and published, in accordance with NRS 244.100.

00-662 ORDINANCE NO. 1100, BILL NO. 1276 – AMENDING WCC
CHAPTER 5 – TRAVEL REGULATIONS EXPENDITURES
EXEMPTIONS – FORFEITURE/FRAUD ACCOUNTS

5:30 p.m. This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on June 29, 2000, to consider second reading and adoption of Bill No. 1276. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Chairman Short opened the public hearing and called on anyone wishing to speak. There being no response, Chairman Short closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated that he does not have a problem with the District Attorney being exempt with respect to providing travel to assist a victim of a crime, but does have a problem with opening this up for providing travel for non-county personnel traveling at County expense.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza voting “no,” Chairman Short ordered that Ordinance No. 1100, Bill No. 1276, entitled, “**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE BY EXEMPTING FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE TRAVEL REGULATIONS EXPENDITURES FROM THE ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED FOR THE DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF FORFEITED PROPERTY MADE PURSUANT TO NRS 179.1187, AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE ACCOUNT IN THE COUNTY TREASURY FOR THE DEPOSIT OF FEES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO NRS 205.471 RELATING TO FRAUD CHECK MONEY, AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO,**” be approved, adopted and published, in accordance with NRS 244.100.

**00-663 ORDINANCE NO. 1101, BILL NO. 1277 – AMENDING WCC
CHAPTER 5 – INTER-JURISDICTION TRANSFERS – LAW
ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL**

5:30 p.m. This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on June 29, 2000, to consider second reading and adoption of Bill No. 1277. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Chairman Short opened the public hearing and called on anyone wishing to speak. There being no response, Chairman Short closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated that a review of this program with respect to the Sheriff’s Department has not been presented; that this was instituted fairly recently and is already being abolished; and that before this is amended they should have information on Sheriff Department transfers as well as the other departments.

Commissioner Galloway disclosed that he had an extensive conversation with then Sheriff Kirkland on this item; that he was informed there were unique problems with regard to Peace Officers; that there were concerns from the County Personnel Department, who generally deals with different types of personnel concerning procedures involving transfers; and that allowing this for law enforcement officers does not limit the County’s ability to hire people who are critical to public safety.

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza voting “no,” Chairman Short ordered that Ordinance No. 1101, Bill No. 1277, entitled, “**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE BY MODIFYING THE PROVISIONS REGARDING INTER-JURISDICTION TRANSFERS TO LIMIT USE OF SUCH TRANSFER TO LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL HOLDING PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATES,**” be approved, adopted and published, in accordance with NRS 244.100.

**CP0023-001 (SHARON HILLS) – PARKER COMPANY –
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

5:30 p.m. This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on June 30, 2000, to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation to amend the Southeast Truckee Meadows Area Plan, being a part of the Washoe County Comprehensive Plan. The amendment request would re-designate Assessor's Parcel Number 051-010-01 from the land use category of General Rural (GR) to Medium Density Suburban (MDS), and Open Space (OS); Assessor's Parcel Number 051-010-38 from the land use category of High Density Rural (HDR), and General Rural (GR), to Medium Density Suburban (MDS) and Open Space (OS); Assessor's Parcel Number 051-562-02 from the land use category of General Rural (GR) and Medium Density Suburban (MDS) to Medium Density Suburban (MDS). Assessor's Parcel Numbers 051-562-01, 051-591-01, & 051-592-02 from the land use category of Medium Density Suburban (MDS), and High Density Rural (HDR) to Medium Density Suburban (MDS); Assessor's Parcel Number 051-592-03 from a land use category of High Density Rural (HDR) to Medium Density Suburban (MDS). The parcels considered for the land use change total 81+/- acres and are located to the south and east of Pembroke Drive, and immediately north of Hidden Valley Regional Park. The parcels are found within the Truckee Meadows Hydrographic Basin, in the SW 1/2 of Sections 22 & 23, T19N, R20E, MDB&M. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Under approval of the agenda for today's meeting, Katy Singlaub, County Manager, noted that proper mailing notice did not occur and this item would need to be renoticed and scheduled for a later meeting.

00-664 **APPEARANCE – 2001 REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE – SUMNER
SHARPE, PACIFIC RIM RESOURCES – JOHN FREGONESE,
FREGONESE, CALTHORP & ASSOCIATES**

Mike Harper, Planning Manager, Community Development, stated that they are commencing the required 5-year Regional Plan update, which is to occur in 2001; that in preparation of that update the County engaged Pacific Rim Resources; that part of their proposal was to partner with Fregonese, Calthorpe & Associates; and that they are very fortunate in having these individuals helping them.

Sumner Sharpe, FAICP, Pacific Rim Resources, stated that they interviewed 34 people from the County, the Cities of Reno and Sparks, State Legislators, members from the Regional Agency bodies, and others, to try and get as broad a perspective as possible. He further stated that the Regional Plan update is very critical to the County and region; that it is important for the future of the region in terms of its environmental, economic well being and the quality of life; and that the future of the region is all tied together in this process.

John Fregonese, Fregonese, Calthorpe and Associates, stated that modern urbanized areas usually consist of cities that have grown together in unincorporated

county areas; that these urban areas when they are all grown together function as a single economic, social and physical unit; that there are a lot of different entities providing functions; and that there comes a time when that physical entity as a unit needs to be considered. He further stated that regional planning is simply planning for that physical urban area and its surrounding areas without regard to political boundaries. Mr. Fregonese delineated criteria used in the development of a regional plan, and explained that a regional plan is often based on a vision, a statement of common values and hopes that define the culture of the region.

Mr. Sharpe noted the existence of challenges faced by Washoe County in that the region is reacting to the present situation and not planning for the future, and every amendment to the regional plan is being approved.

Commissioner Galloway commented that the bodies cannot even agree on the definition of urban and suburban. He stated that they made a mistake when they had a fiscal equity study conducted without a prior agreement for a peer review and inquired if they knew of anyone who had solved the service level definition problem. Mr. Fregonese responded that they should have a process set up where they do not argue about data because data should be factual, and inquired what the standards are for service and unit costs.

Commissioner Shaw inquired if the majority of the people interviewed felt that Washoe County's regional plan lacked vision. Mr. Sharpe stated that everyone had a concern about the clarity of direction to be achieved.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated that the neighborhoods feel they have no control because contractors and builders change the area plan as they go along. Mr. Sharpe stated that the regional plan should be the guiding document for any changes and any changes would have to meet the criteria of the plan.

Mr. Sharpe summarized some of their recommendations as follows: that future growth be directed and not accommodated in accord with the regional plan; the regional planning effort begin with shared principals and values; development of a common vision to guide future development patterns; agreement on a limited set of policies which offer criteria for making decisions about future land uses, whether they are regional or local decisions; and further agreement needs to be reached on appropriate regional and local services. Mr. Sharpe advised that there needs to be an agreement between the regional partners on how to proceed with the regional plan update; that one of the first steps they can take is to agree on how they are going to update the regional plan; and that there should be a third party facilitator to keep the process on track.

Commissioner Bond expressed her appreciation to Mr. Fregonese and Mr. Sharpe for their presentation. She asked what happens when the communities reach agreement on service levels, expectations, etc., and then the community changes and different service levels are expected. Mr. Sharpe stated that if a community decides they want a higher level of service they would have to come into the city; and that there is an

understanding that, if you are in an area of future growth, you will eventually become part of the city.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated that the current Regional Governing Board is not inclusive, as the number of members of each governmental entity is limited. Mr. Fregonese stated that for long term success of the regional plan there has to be a clear definition of what is regional and what is local.

Chairman Short suggested that before they go to the CAB's and Regional Planning with this proposed update they have Board consensus on the fiscal equity position, so that both issues can be wrapped together.

Mr. Harper stated that the consultants recommended providing an opportunity for the public to have input on how this might work; that staff would then come back to the Board with a report of the results from public input; and that the report would come back to the Board around October of this year.

Emily Braswell, Director, Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency, stated that she is trying to schedule a meeting date for late August or early September between the Regional Planning Commission and the Regional Governing Board to start the discussion about the regional plan update process.

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that the report submitted by John Fregonese and Sumner Sharpe be accepted.

MANAGER AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Short introduced Forest Kincaid, Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board. Forest Kincaid thanked the County Commissioners for their support of the Sun Valley "Looking Fine in '99" Committee. He presented a tape of the history of the "Looking Fine in '99" Sun Valley clean up and requested that Commissioner Bond take the tape with her to the next NACO meeting.

Chairman Short stated that Washoe County's Risk Management Program has been ranked 8th out of 2000 government entities for having a proficient program and Ray Sibley, Risk Management Director, was ranked 5th in a survey identifying individuals with the best reputations for excellence in the country.

Commissioner Galloway stated that he would like staff to write a summary about the higher budget guidelines that this Board sets; that this Board gave staff direction regarding two issues: first, was to combine the rate of growth of the population and the cost of living increase into one number, and the growth in the County budget must not exceed that; and second, the percentage increase in the number of County employees should be less than the percentage increase in the population they are serving; and both were achieved.

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, stated that the general fund expenditures decreased in the 2000/2001 budget from actual expenditures in 1999/2000.

Chairman Short requested that staff look into public hearings being properly noticed as he was informed by one of the planning commissioners that there have been 2 or 3 agendized items that have been advertised and ended up being continued because they were not properly noticed, and he would like to know why this is happening.

Commissioner Bond asked that staff develop a policy regarding gravel roads in urban/suburban areas and a methodology to get them eventually paved. Mrs. Singlaub stated that she will find out when she and Dave Roundtree, Public Works Director, can get together and meet with her on that issue.

Commissioner Shaw wished Commissioners Bond and Sferrazza well at the NACO Conference in North Carolina next week.

Commissioner Sferrazza requested that in the future, if all of the Commissioners cannot be present for joint meetings, that the Board decline to participate. He stated that he did support the Board action on Red Hill earlier in the meeting and believes that it is extremely valuable to the County open space.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

TED F. SHORT, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST: AMY HARVEY, County Clerk
